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Applicant: Li WU , et al

Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHEMICAL MECHANICAL
PLANARIZATION

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 17, 2000, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. A combined declaration and power of attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (4 pages);
2. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted

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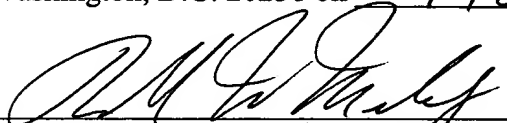
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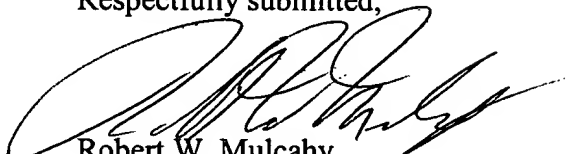
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It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-named patent application and justify the filing date of 31MY2000 . Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 563-2726 , if there are any questions regarding this matter.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$630.
 - \$396 for 22 total claims over 20.
 - \$234 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1450.

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